

## Statement of Lilia Morales Chacón for the ILAE Commission on Latin American Affairs

I truly appreciate my nomination as an eligible member of the Commission on Latin American Affairs of the International League against Epilepsy in the term 2017-2021 and I would like to confirm my desire to join the Management Committee of this Commission. It has been my privilege to have served as member of this commission over the last term.

I am a clinical neurophysiologist and epileptologist. In addition to being the head of the Clinical Neurophysiology Service and Telemetry Video- EEG Unit, I also conduct epilepsy Surgery Program in the International Center for Neurological Restoration in Havana Cuba. Throughout my professional life, I have specialized in the presurgical evaluation of pharmacoresistant epilepsy patients, focused to better define diagnoses not only to improve their clinical and surgical treatment, but also their life quality.

One of my key priorities is the quick translation of neurophysiology research findings into clinical practice. This is a challenging task, especially when working in a developing country like Cuba, where the financial resources are limited. I strongly believe that it is of paramount importance that local governments in Latin America begin considering epilepsy as one of their top priority health issues, and support the OMS/PAHO.

I have assisted in various leadership positions such as the Cuban Neuroscience Society, Latin American Clinical Neurophysiology Society, and International League Against Epilepsy, including the presidency of the Cuban Chapter of the ILAE as well as the membership of the Commission on Latin American Affairs of the International League against Epilepsy in the term 2013-2017. Over the past four years, I have been working in the Primary Health care task force and I have conducted several educational courses and other strategies in Latin American for primary health-care workers aimed at minimizing the epilepsy treatment gap

I am really looking forward to working in collaboration with the members of the executive committee to achieve common goals with my experience and active assistance, and I hope my contribution helps to bring about an everlasting improvement in epilepsy patients.

I would be grateful for your support

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lilia Morales Chacón', written in a cursive style.

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